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## SEND THEM BACK

Mr. Lloyd George made a statement a few days ago that impressed us, as most of his expressions do, as being full of common sense and entirely practical.

He suggested that alien enemies should be deported, and sent back to Germany or Austria, or whatever country they came from. He said that thousands of them have been enjoying the hospitality of the British government for years, and that the kindness that had been shown them was repaid by treachery and deception, and conduct that rendered them dangerous to the nation.

If that is good logic for England and the British colonies, it is good for the United States. This country has millions of acres of unfilled soil and vacant places for workmen from every clime if they are respectable, law-abiding and in sympathy with the ideals of this government.

But there is in our midst a small and disreputable element that has occasioned this country no end of trouble. It is this element that Von Bernstorff, Capt. Boy-Ed and Von Papen dealt with while representing the German government, and it was through this assembly of treasonable spirits that the Kaiser hoped to raise 500,000 German reserves in the event the United States manifested a disposition to go to war. He may have received from Mr. Gerard his first disillusion when he was told that there were in the United States 501,000 lamp posts.

In any event that was not the method the German sympathizers employed, but they did not cease their activity with the entrance of the United States into the war. The watchful eye of the government could not be permitted to stray from them for a moment during the war. On every opportunity they endeavored to make trouble, and countless explosions, with their accompanying deaths, revealed in a limited way the general scheme of their activity.

Now that the war is over, this agitation should cease. But will it cease? Not if the German sympathizers in this country, who are already prating about "a new Germany," as though it were a land entirely foreign to the one that sent forth soldiers to butcher and burn, can prevent it.

The United States has been even more kind and generous to the Germans than Great Britain. They have come to this country to make their fortunes, with no intention of making it their permanent home. They gave this country no end of trouble during the war, and as a matter of precaution many of them were placed in prisons. When peace is signed they will be released, but they will have no higher regard for this country and no more devotion to its ideals than they had when they refused to establish their citizenship.

It would be a wise precaution if everyone who has been connected with anti-American propaganda should be told to get out of the country for all time. Those who have stood in the way of our efforts to establish freedom and safeguard the rights of small nations are not entitled to share the fruits of victory, that were earned over their protest.

## ARMY PROMOTIONS

We are entirely in sympathy with the purposes of a resolution introduced by Senator McKellar, a member of the committee on military affairs, to investigate the charge that favoritism has been shown in the bestowal of promotions in the army.

It is a matter of common knowledge, available to any casual observer, that promotions in the bomb-proof departments in Washington, where the "soldiers" in reality are clerks, have been handed out with prodigal hand, while the best insurance against elevation is held by the men who made a daily practice of exposing themselves in No Man's Land.

If the senator wishes to establish the facts he will have no difficulty in finding concrete examples to sustain the charge. A few well-merited promotions have been awarded in the field, but the spectacular advances have occurred among the officers who have never gotten near enough to the ocean that separates this country from France to experience the exhilarating effect of the salt sea breeze.

There is no probability that an investigation at this time will correct any examples of discrimination, but it might correct the evil of the system, which is more at fault than any individual. The wonder is that someone before now has not interested himself in this wide field of usefulness.

As it is now operated, the nominations for promotions are made by the president, who does not and could not be expected to know the merits of the individual cases, and confirmed by the senate, which makes no inquiry into the matter it passes upon. It is apparent, therefore, that the entire matter of promotion is left in the hands of bureaucrats, who are mainly interested in themselves and those immediately associated with them, with the result that the Washington army fares exceedingly well.

Senator Sherman served notice upon Representative Mann that if he thinks the heckling of President Wilson should cease it is his duty as a good Republican not to say so.

The French people are not able to understand the attitude of some of the Americans toward President Wilson. It is not more mysterious to the French than it is to us.

Gen. Petain has been invited to New York to receive the plaudits of the people. It might also be a good thing to assign to him the task of putting down the Bolsheviks.

There are some who would make the slightest difference of opinion among the allied representatives the cause for hostilities to begin. This is good pro-German doctrine.

The abundance of children in Germany amazed the American soldiers. The Kaiser used to look upon them too, and glory in the splendid promise of cannon fodder.

The shipbuilding continues unabated. There will be plenty of goods for the ships, and they will be welcome at every port in the world.

Give the returning men every welcome and enthusiastic reception, for soon they must go to work.

Red is not popular on a flag in this country unless it is accompanied by the white and blue.

## Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'?—By Briggs

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## Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's Article

BY MRS. WILSON WOODROW,  
The world-famous writer on vital subjects.

This might be called a letter to a young girl—any young girl. So I inquire of her: What do you think about business? You are, you know, a potential business woman, and you may become anything. That very little remark, the world takes to your own valuation, is only another way of saying that you show outwardly your own inward vision of yourself. There is also an old Hindu aphorism, that we become the thing we contemplate. Then, why not contemplate all charming and graceful person beautiful things? You can see anything you want to, you know. In the fraction of a second you can look back to some scene of your childhood; you can view just evening's sunset; you can look at your own vision of yourself, as you would like to be. And that vision will be in time externalized itself. It sounds like magic, doesn't it? But it's only a fact, as simple and as true as that two and two make four. I ask: What do you think about yourself anyway?

You reply: "I don't think much of myself. I am awkward and shy and plain." Or, "I have a lot of faults, and I'm terribly handicapped. If I only had this or that, I might do something. But how can I, when everything is against me?"

All negations, you see. Do you think you can hold these opinions of yourself, and not convey them to other people? I went to a motion picture theater the other evening, and sitting directly in front of me was a very pretty girl and a young soldier. Some pictures of big guns and their operation were being shown upon the screen, and the boy was deeply interested in them. He watched them with the closest attention, and then turned to the girl and began explaining the mechanism of the guns and the way in which they are handled.

"She listened eagerly for a second or two, fidgeted about in her seat, looked around her, yawned and finally said: 'Oh, stop talking about those old guns. I don't want to hear anything more about them.'"

He was taken aback. There was a little flash in his eyes and a thicker of chagrin passed over his face. He said nothing at all, however, but absorbed himself for the rest of the evening in the program presented on the screen. The moment of distinction took place before my eyes. The girl had thought was pretty "plain." She discovered to be merely pretty "minus." You saw his swift, contemptuous reappraisal of her. She had deliberately deprived herself of more than she had deprived him.

He had seen, as did everyone else who looked at her, an enchanting, pretty mask of flesh. But now she had revealed to him the cheap, common soul behind it. She showed herself ignorant of good manners, of tact, of that instinctive grace and courtesy which every woman should possess or acquire. She had said to him as plainly as if she had expressed it in words, "I don't care for anything outside of my tiny sphere of brain activity. My interests are all centered in myself. Your sole

business, when you are with me, is to admire me and make love to me." No man wants to make love to a woman all the time. He does have moments of lucidity when he is an intelligent human being—and expects the girl he is with to be one, too. I am not criticizing girls for flirting or having a good time and enjoying the admiration they can get. That's youth and human nature. But it was regrettable that this girl thought so meanly of herself. She wasn't half good enough to little Mary Smith, or Grace Jones, or whatever her name was. She admitted her looks so much that she didn't give her mind or her heart or her soul a chance. And no woman can hold a man long on mere looks.

She imagined that she could afford to be rude and ungracious and unkind, in an extremely expensive luxury, whether used in business or social life, as the people who indulge in it usually find to their sorrow.

And the woman who admires her mind or her heart or her soul so much that she doesn't give her looks a chance is making just as great a mistake, with just as stupid a world, and we've got to be all-round people.

## KNOW SIGNS.

Congressman Senborn Rudenbury of Georgia gently smiled when the talk topic dwelt on the lord and master of the domestic ranch. He said he was reminded of little John's visit to the zoo.

While rambling around among the animals with his father one afternoon, he ran the story of the congressman. Little Johnny came to a miniature lake on which two swans were swimming.

"Papa," said Johnny, pointing a chubby little finger over the lake, "is that the father swan or the mother swan?"

"Which one do you mean, Johnny?" asked the old man, glancing in the direction indicated by the boy.

"I mean the one over there," answered Johnny. "The one with all the feathers pecked off his head and left allowed to have the biscuit or nothing."

"Yes, my son," promptly replied papa, with just a suspicion of a sigh, "that's the father swan, all right."

## On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton.

THE DIARY OF NICOLAI LENINE.  
Oct. 17.—Shot again. This time in the shoulder. Bad shooting. I'll say. Quick trip to hospital at 10:30 and all ready to be shot again. No wonder the Russians can't win a war with their kind of marksmanship.

"X" shows the spot where the bullets landed on me. I look like a tattooed man. There is room for only about three more "Xs" on my whole frame. Doctor discovered this morning I had been shot twice in the same place, which is against the Bolshevik rule and makes a mess of my chart record.

Received today lucrative offer from an amusement park at Coney Island to pose as the "Dusky Dodger" at a shooting gallery. May accept when the war is over.

Dull day today. Shot only once up to noon. May have better luck this afternoon, as I shall drive on the avenue. Surgeon estimated roughly that enough lead had been shot into me by Russians to free their country from Bolshevism and everything else except cooties. Cooties are too small to be shot. Yankees might hit 'em, but no Russian can.

1:01 p.m.—Just shot again. Must hang up sign on office door reading, "Will Be Back Again from Hospital in Fifteen Minutes," and leave sign there permanently. Not injured this time. Was shot in head. More bad marksmanship.

NOTHER HYMN OF BATH.  
We have one flu  
And one alone—  
Spanish.

It not being announced elsewhere in this newspaper or any other, having been lost in the shuffle of important events, we wish to state, so that our readers at least will know it (we got the news by special carrier pigeon, the cables being too busy), that Hsu Shi Chang was inaugurated as president of China on Oct. 10. We make this announcement just to keep the record straight. Chronology must have its fling, war or no war.

A learned scientist has solved a problem which has worried humanity for these many years. He has discovered that goldfish die of exhaustion from wagging their little tails around the interior of the globe. Always thought they died of too much publicity and attendant embarrassment. However, regardless of the scientist, we have known at least seven goldfish who have died of catitis and six others which furnished the fish course at a recent dinner party under the guise of Siberian hors d'oeuvres.

A report of the week says anarchy has broken out in Russia. We have always been of the opinion that if care were not taken those boys over there would become involved in some sort of trouble.

Every epidemic thrives on fear. Moral—Don't worry.

E. M. B. ejaculates that the greatest optimist in the world is the person who eats roasted chestnuts in the dark.

Miss Kitty Torch has been admitted to the Illinois bar. 'Nother legal light, we presume.



## YE TOWNE GOSSIP

(REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.)

BY K.C.B.

I'M THANKFUL today.  
THAT IT'S given me.  
TO BE on earth.  
JUST ON this day.  
OF ALL the days.  
THAT THE world has known.  
FOR IT'S strange.  
BUT IT'S true.  
THAT THE greater our griefs,  
THE GREATER our joys.  
WHEN GRIEF has gone.  
AND JOY has come.  
AND ON this day.  
WHEN I give thanks.  
IN THE peaceful quiet.  
OF MY home.  
MY MIND will go.  
TO THE battlefields.  
OF A year ago.  
AND OF weeks ago.  
AND INTO my ears.  
THERE WILL come the sound.  
OF POUNDING guns.  
AND THE cries of men.  
AND THE whispered words.  
FROM STRICKEN lips.  
AND THE messages.  
THEY SENT back home.  
AND THE grief that came.  
WITH THE golden star.  
WHERE THE blue had been.  
AND I'll awake.  
AND OVER the field.  
WHERE THE guns had been.  
AND DEATH had stalked.  
THERE'LL come a calm.  
AND I'll strain my ears.  
FOR THE sound of guns.  
AND THE cries of men.  
AND I'll hear no cries.  
AND INSTEAD of guns.  
I'LL HEAR men laugh.  
AND I'LL hear them cheer.

THAT THE war has done.  
AND INTO my heart.  
AND DOWN to the depths.  
WHERE GRIEF has lain.  
GREAT JOY will come.  
AND THE voice it has.  
WILL BE my prayer.  
OF THANKFULNESS.  
THAT PEACE has come.  
AND THAT today.  
I MAY look on a world.  
WHERE THE might of right.  
HAS PLANTED its flag.  
AND THE right of might.  
HAS CEASED to be.  
AND INTO my prayer.  
MY THANKS will go.  
FOR THE guiding hand.  
AT WASHINGTON.  
AND ACROSS the seas.  
AND THE soldier boys.  
AND THE sailor boys.  
AND THE Red Cross nurse.  
AND THE women at home.  
AND THE love we have.  
FOR THE Stars and Stripes.  
AND THE glory it sheds.  
WHEREVER IT flies.  
FROM THE capitol dome.  
OR ON foreign lands.  
OR OUT on the sea.



## News of Memphis Twice Told Tales News of Memphis

25 Years Ago. 10 Years Ago.

DECEMBER 10, 1893.  
Chancellor Caprivi, of Germany, is rapidly losing favor with the Kaiser, following his speech in the Reichstag last month.

Many laborers are being made to have the Liberty bell in Memphis on its way from Philadelphia to San Francisco in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Frayser, of Sardinia, Miss. are visiting their son, Marvin, and family, of Mississippi boulevard.

The wedding of Miss Lulu Silvers and Walter Hindman was quietly solemnized last night at the First Methodist church.

Many laborers are moving to the Birmingham tract east of Memphis, to get ready for the opening of the big car works there, about Feb. 1.

Gov. McKinley, of Ohio, nursing his presidential dream, is expected to talk in Memphis within the next few weeks.

Mrs. Leah Feinthal, and son, Charles, have returned from North Carolina, where they visited relatives for 60 days.

The opening ball of the Y. M. H. A. was given at the Hotel Gayoso last night, and was a great success.

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